

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY CONTROL**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION**

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- 10.1 No person owning, leasing, or controlling a source of sound shall willfully, negligently, or through failure to provide necessary equipment, service, or maintenance or to take necessary precautions cause, suffer, allow, or permit unnecessary emissions from said source of sound that may cause noise.
- 10.2 Regulation 10.1 shall pertain to, but shall not be limited to, prolonged unattended sounding of burgular alarms, construction and demolition equipment which characteristically emit sound but which may be fitted and accommodated with equipment such as enclosures to suppress sound or may be operated in a manner so as to suppress sound, suppressable and preventable industrial and commercial sources of sound, and other man-made sounds that cause noise.
- 10.3 Regulation 10.1 shall not apply to sounds emitted during and associated with
- (a) parades, public gatherings, or sporting events, for which permits have been issued provided that said parades, public gatherings, or sporting events in one city or town do not cause noise in another city or town;
  - (b) emergency police, fire, and ambulance vehicles;
  - (c) police, fire, and civil and national defense activities; and
  - (d) domestic equipment such as lawn mowers and power saws between the hours of 7 A.M. and 9 P.M.
- 10.4 Regulation 10.1 is subject to the enforcement provisions specified in Regulation 52.2.